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1. More Soviet troops than Polish militiamen (about 5:1) were observed in the streets of BELGARD (O 55/M 43).
2. Troop quarters were occupied as follows:
 - a. Kaserne on ul. Tamka (formerly Koerlinerstrasse):

Fully occupied by an artillery unit of about 15 officers and 400 MM wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. The unit was commanded by Maj A. KREMNEVA and was equipped with about 20 guns of about 150 mm caliber, 24 prime movers, 35 trucks and five passenger cars. The unit held regular artillery practices in the ALT-BUCKOV (O 54/M 53) - ZERREHNE (O 55/M 53) area. The unit's home station was said to be KUIBYSHEV.

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b. Kaserne on ul. Konarskiego Most heavily occupied kaserne of (formerly Koeslinerstrasse): BELGARD.

(1) Motorized infantry unit of about 45 officers and 500 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets, armed with rifles, sub-machine guns and light machine guns.

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The unit was commanded by Lt Col A. MUSKOV and it regularly trained in the LENZEN (C 54/A 32) area. Its home station was said to be KLEV.

(2) Motorized unit of 9 officers and about 70 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia, armed with rifles and machine guns, quartered in the kaserne since 14 August 1949. The unit, commanded by an officer, I. MAVOZOV, was equipped with 2 trucks, 1 passenger car and 15 three-axle motor vehicles with lightly armored superstructure, mounting a machine gun behind the center of the driver's seat, each manned by four or five soldiers.

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c. Kaserne on ul. Kossaka (formerly Polziner Chaussee):

Signal unit of about 18 officers and 400 to 450 EM, wearing black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia, organized into three companies, assumed to be a training unit. The unit was commanded by Maj A. KOSCHNIKOV. No heavy weapons were observed. Intensive training with radio sets was done in the kaserne area. Groups of 10 to 15 EM were daily seen engaged in line construction near the kaserne. The unit was equipped with about 48 trucks and 27 passenger cars. Its home station was said to be GIPLES.

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d. Former home for Aged People on Koeslinerstrasse:

Still occupied by a small Gds infantry unit of about 100 men, wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

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The information on Soviet names and the alleged home stations in the Soviet Union

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a. The report supplements valuable and presumably credible information of July 1949. It indicates that one motorized rifle regiment, one artillery regiment and one signal battalion may be stationed in BELGARD. The reported unit commanders were previously unknown.

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b. Reports of July and September 1949 indicate that the Soviet units stationed in BELGARD held their maneuvers only in the area east and south of the town since July 1949.

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